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RECORDING MEDIUM AND MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM USING THE
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AMENDMENT

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Applicants hereby submit this in response to the Office Action mailed January 2, 2003. A response to the Office Action was originally due April 2, 2003. Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time in which to submit a response or an amendment in response to the Office Action. The fee for a one-month extension of time is \$110.00 and a check in that amount is enclosed. Therefore, the deadline for responding to the Office Action is now May 2, 2003. Accordingly, this Amendment and Response is being timely filed.